

**AN ACT CONCERNING ELIGIBILITY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT
COMPENSATION BENEFITS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 31-231a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2016*):

3 (a) For a construction worker identified pursuant to regulations
4 adopted in accordance with subsection (c) of this section, the total
5 unemployment benefit rate for the individual's benefit year
6 commencing on or after April 1, 1996, shall be an amount equal to one
7 twenty-sixth, rounded to the next lower dollar, of his or her total
8 wages paid during that quarter of his or her current benefit year's base
9 period in which wages were the highest but not less than fifteen
10 dollars nor more than the maximum benefit rate as provided in
11 subsection (b) of this section.

12 (b) For an individual not included in subsection (a) of this section,
13 the individual's total unemployment benefit rate for his or her benefit
14 year (1) commencing after September 30, 1967, shall be an amount
15 equal to one twenty-sixth, rounded to the next lower dollar, of the
16 average of his or her total wages, as defined in subdivision (1) of
17 subsection (b) of section 31-222, paid during the two quarters of his or
18 her current benefit year's base period in which such wages were
19 highest but not less than fifteen dollars, [nor] and (2) commencing after
20 October 1, 2016, shall be an amount equal to one twenty-sixth, rounded
21 to the next lower dollar, of the average of his or her total wages, as
22 defined in section 31-222, paid during the two quarters of his or her

23 current benefit year's base period in which such wages were highest
24 but not less than fifty dollars, and not more than one hundred fifty-six
25 dollars in any benefit year commencing on or after the first Sunday in
26 July, 1982, nor more than sixty per cent rounded to the next lower
27 dollar of the average wage of production and related workers in the
28 state in any benefit year commencing on or after the first Sunday in
29 October, 1983, and provided the maximum benefit rate in any benefit
30 year commencing on or after the first Sunday in October, 1988, shall
31 not increase more than eighteen dollars in any benefit year, such
32 increase to be effective as of the first Sunday in October of such year.
33 The average wage of production and related workers in the state shall
34 be determined by the administrator, on or before August fifteenth
35 annually, as of the year ended the previous June thirtieth to be
36 effective during the benefit year commencing on or after the first
37 Sunday of the following October and shall be so determined in
38 accordance with the standards for the determination of average
39 production wages established by the United States Department of
40 Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

41 (c) The administrator shall adopt regulations pursuant to the
42 provisions of chapter 54 to implement the provisions of this section.
43 Such regulations shall specify the National Council on Compensation
44 Insurance employee classification codes which identify construction
45 workers covered by subsection (a) of this section and specify the
46 manner and format in which employers shall report the identification
47 of such workers to the administrator.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2016	31-231a